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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government enquired into the complaint and found that it was baseless."

House for the staff of the Highways Office, Cuddapah.

* 1236 Q.—SRI V. CHIDANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received recently a petition from the clerks of the Highways Office, Cuddapah, requesting sanction for the construction of houses for them under the rural housing scheme; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken on it?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The petition has been sent to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies who is examining the question of organizing a rural housing society at Chemmuniahpeta."

Rural Welfare Officers.

* 1237 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) whether all the Rural Welfare Officers are selected by the Public Service Commission; and

(b) if so, the qualifications required for such Officers?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

Government Cinchona estates.

1238 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any Cinchona estates in the State under the State Government; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have enforced the Minimum Wages Act in these estates?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The Government own extensive areas of cinchona plantations on the Anamalais in the Coimbatore district and on the Nilgiris.

" (b) Yes. The minimum rates of wages have been given effect to from 25th March 1952."

Answer to a question regarding properties requisitioned by the Government.

* 1239 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the reason why my starred question No. 29, calling for particulars of properties